GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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JURISDICTION OF LOK ADALATS
ASHOK KUMAR PATEL

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to expand the jurisdiction of Lok Adalats and accord equal recognition like other courts to the verdicts of these Adalats;

(b) if so, whether a committee has been set up to study all aspects in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) No Sir. Under Section 21 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, every award of the Lok Adalat is deemed to be a decree of a civil court or, as the case may be an order of any other court. Further, every award made by Lok Adalat shall be final and binding on all the parties to the dispute and no appeal shall lie to any court against the award as provided for in Sub-section (2) of Section 21 of the aforesaid Act.

(b),(c)&(d) Does not arise.